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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: TRAVERS ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/649,399

Filed: AUGUST 28, 2000


Title: DISH DRAINER AND TRAY
SYSTEM WITH COMPACT
STORAGE OF TRAY

Group Art Unit: 3634

Examiner: NOVOSAD, J. E.

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the office action mailed on January 13, 2003 and the advisory action mailed on April 1, 2003.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

As an initial matter, applicants hereby respectfully request a one (1) month extension of time thereby extending the response due date until **May 13, 2003**.

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application, wherein claims 5-8, and 16 have been withdrawn from consideration as directed to a non-elected species, new independent claim 20 and new dependent claim 21 have been added, and claim 18 has been canceled. Claims 1-4, 9-15, 17, and 19-21 remain at issue. By this amendment, the total number of independent claims is increased to three (3), while the total number of claims remains at twenty (20). A check for \$110.00 is enclosed herewith for the extension of time.

Furthermore, applicants wish to thank Examiner Novosad for taking the time on May 6, 2003 to conduct a telephonic interview to discuss the pending claims and the overall status of this case. In accordance with the discussion, applicants amend the claims and present the following remarks.

*Interview
Record OK
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